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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-28. (Canceled).

29. (new) A blend comprising:

- an amino acid composition comprising at least one of leucine, valine, isoleucine and Phenylalanine;
- a yeast; and
- a sourdough,

wherein the blend has a dry matter content of at least 90%.

- 30. (new) The blend of claim 29, wherein the blend has a dry matter content of at least 95%.
- (new) The blend of claim 29, wherein the amino acid composition comprises at least phenylalanine.
- (new) The blend of claim 29, wherein the amino acid composition comprises leucine, valine, isoleucine and phenylalanine.
- 33. (new) The blend of claim 29, wherein the amino acid ratio is: leucine: 2; valine 0.6; isoleucine 0.5; and phenylalanine 0.5.
- (new) The blend of claim 29, wherein the amino acid composition is obtained from a protein hydrolysate.
- 35. (new) The blend of claim 29, wherein the blend is produced by co-extrusion or dry blending of the ingredients.
- 36. (new) The blend of claim 29, wherein the blend is vacuum packed.
- 37. (new) A blend comprising:
 - a dried sourdough; and
 - an amino acid composition comprising at least one of leucine, valine, isoleucine and phenylalanine,

wherein the blend has a dry matter content of at least 90%.

- 38. (new) The blend of claim 37, wherein the blend has a dry matter content of at least 95%.
- (new) The blend of claim 37, wherein the amino acid composition comprises at least phenylalanine.
- (new) The blend of claim 37, wherein the amino acid composition comprises leucine, valine, isoleucine and phenylalanine.

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41. (new) The blend of claim 37, wherein the amino acid ratio is: leucine: 2; valine 0.6; isoleucine 0.5; and phenylalanine 0.5.

- (new) The blend of claim 37, wherein the amino acid composition is obtained from a protein hydrolysate.
- 43. (new) The blend of claim 37, wherein the blend is produced by co-extrusion or dry blending of the ingredients.
- 44. (new) The blend of claim 37, wherein the blend is vacuum packed.
- 45. (new) A method for refermenting a dried sourdough with yeast, comprising adding flour and water to the blend of claim 37, and fermenting the mixture with yeast.
- 46. (new) A method to increase the flavor of a bakery product, comprising adding the blend of claim 29 to a recipe of the bakery product.
- 47. (new) The method of claim 46, wherein the blend is used in a sourdough process, in a sponge or in a dough system.
- 48. (new) The method of claim 46, further comprising adding a carbon source.
- (new) The method of claim 46, further comprising adding one or more of a protease, transaminase, carboxylase, dehydrogenase or esterase.
- 50. (new) The method of claim 46, further comprising adding a protein hydrolysate.
- 51. (new) The method of claim 46, further comprising adding yeast.
- 52. (new) The method of claim 46, further comprising adding one or more of a sugar, fatty acid, peptide and/or a yeast extract with a high nucleotide content.
- 53. (new) The method of claim 46, wherein the dosage of the amino acid composition is at least 0.001% on total flour in the final product.
- 54. (new) The method of claim 53, wherein the dosage of the amino acid composition is at least 0.05% on total flour in the final product.
- (new) The method of claim 53, wherein the dosage is about 0.0375% on total flour of the bakery product.
- 56. (new) A method to increase the flavor of a bakery product comprising adding the blend of claim 37 to a recipe of the bakery product.

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57. (new) The method of claim 56, wherein the blend is used in a sourdough process, in a sponge or in a dough system.

- 58. (new) The method of claim 56, further comprising adding a carbon source.
- (new) The method of claim 56, further comprising adding one or more of a protease, transaminase, carboxylase, dehydrogenase or esterases.
- 60. (new) The method of claim 56, further comprising adding a protein hydrolysate.
- 61. (new) The method of claim 56, further comprising adding yeast.
- 62. (new) The method of claim 56, further comprising the step of adding one or more of a sugar, fatty acid, peptide and/or a yeast extract with a high nucleotide content.
- 63. (new) The method of claim 56, wherein the dosage of the amino acid composition is at least 0.001% on total flour in the final product.
- 64. (new) The method of claim 63, wherein the dosage of the amino acid composition at least 0.05% on total flour in the final product.
- (new) The method of claim 63, wherein the dosage is about 0.0375% on total flour of the bakery product.